FIRE MATTERS.

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edge of the fact that they had done this duty well.

"Every one understands," Mr. Johnson said, "that a speedy response to an alarm of fire is of incalculable value and nothing is more dangerous than delay in case of fire. We do not want," he said, "and this Council does not want to see a destructive fire get headway here in this town simply because the fire department is not equipped with facilities for getting to a fire promptly." Mr. Johnson cited some properties at and near the Centre where there was great liability to loss of life in case of fire, and he said that in one case eight minutes elapsed from the time of the alarm before the truck company got under way to a fire, and another instance where the bell failed to strike properly and the truck company and Phoenix Hose Company did not respond at all. In both cases luck was with the firemen and the fires did not prove destructive. "An essential condition of a properly maintained fire department," Mr. Johnson said, "is to have the fire alarm kept up in perfect order. The present superintendent of the fire alarm says that he does the best he can under the circumstances. The battery is housed in the old quarters of the Phoenix Hose Company, where it is impossible to keep the room to the proper temperature in severely cold weather."

Another essential of an efficient department was to have the truck company in position to reach a fire as quickly as any other company. Its extinguishers and ladders were often of great service in the early extinguishment of a blaze. "At present," Mr. Johnson said, "Essex truckmen are obliged to take the extinguishers from the truck and place them around the stove to keep them from freezing."

Mr. Johnson said he was recently stopped on Broad street, Newark, by a well-known fire insurance man, who asked some questions about the condition of the Bloomfield fire department. Mr. Johnson tried to evade direct answers, but his interrogator said it was no use; the condition of fire matters in Bloomfield was known in fire insurance circles and the agent suggested that Mr. Johnson tell the firemen and the Councilmen and the people of Bloomfield that unless there was an immediate betterment of the fire department the people of Bloomfield would have to pay more money for fire insurance. "As before stated," said Mr. Johnson, "the citizens of Bloomfield have never yet refused a request made by the fire department, and we do not believe that the present inaction of the Council is in the nature of a refusal; but the necessities of the case demand action and we want it known, not two months hence, but now. "We have," he said, "a committee consisting of a representative from each company in the department, and that committee stands ready to act as an advisory committee with the Fire Committee of the Council and to take up its share of the work as an advisory committee."

This matter of the condition of the fire department is not only a question of houses, but also of equipment. The fire companies are without rubber coats and rubber boots and the men are subjected to great danger from exposure.

In the matter of the annual appropriations Mr. Johnson declared that but slight increase had been made in providing for fire protection compared with other departments of government. The fire appropriation eight years ago, he said, was $3,000, and it had only increased $500 in that time. The sum of $3,500, he said, was inadequate. He concluded his remarks by an urgent appeal to the Council to take immediate action.

Mr. Farrand, in reply to Mr. Johnson, said that every member of the Council was anxious and desirous of meeting the needs of the firemen and also to take as prompt action as possible in the matter. Owing to the absence of Chairman Peterson, Mr. Farrand said, it would be impossible to act that evening and he suggested Friday night, 22d inst., for a meeting of the Council to consider fire matters.

Mr. Johnson asked that the advisory committee of the firemen be invited to the meeting.

Councilman Moore moved that the firemen's resolutions be received and placed on file and the matter be referred to the Fire Committee. He also suggested a meeting of the Fire Committee and the advisory committee of the firemen to investigate the matter along special lines.

Councilman Walker said that his recollection of the proceedings of the Council in regard to fire matters was that the Fire Committee had been empowered to make such repairs to Essex truck-house as would give that company comfortable quarters and also to rent a building as a temporary home for Phoenix Hose Company, and he had suggested a building for such purpose. If new buildings are to be erected, said Mr. Walker, it will be several months before they are completed, and in the meantime Phoenix company would still be without a place to meet in and he thought it would be wise for the Fire Committee to secure a building for Phoenix company.

Mr. Johnson said that if it was definitely settled that the Council was going to take action toward providing new quarters for the fire companies, the members of the Essex Truck Company would extend to the Phoenix company the use of the truck company's room for meeting purposes.

Councilman Moore said that if he had his way with respect to fire-houses the companies would have had new houses long ago. He related the difficulties that had confronted the Fire Committee in its attempt to get sites for buildings. He said he was glad to see the firemen taking an active, personal interest in the matter, and he thought that with their co-operation the question of fire-houses would be satisfactorily adjusted.

Wm. H. Ellor, an exempt member of Active Hose Company, alluding to Mr. Johnson's statement that it took Essex Truck Company eight minutes to get under way to a fire, said that the most important phase of the fire question was to provide houses for the companies or to locate the fire-houses convenient to where horses could be obtained.

Foreman F. N. Unangst of Essex Truck Company said that that company was now satisfied with its present horse service.

Indian Hill.

Old Indian Hill, on the edge of what was formerly Watsessing Lake, has been levelled off to make room for the much-needed improvements along the line of the Lackawanna Railroad. On the site the company has begun the erection of a coal dump. Persons who have been out of town for some time would not recognize the spot on account of the many changes that have been made. Just above the place where the hill was, and to the west of it, has been erected a new and commodious freight station, while the old and dilapidated structure opposite the likewise dilapidated railroad depot will soon be removed.

Indian Hill was a famous spot, and on it played boys and girls who now are grandfathers and grandmothers, as well as great-grandfathers and great-grandmothers. When old Watsessing Lake was in evidence it was there that huge bonfires were built to guide the merry skaters from dangerous spots, and to warm the lovers of the sport as they took off their skates. In the summer it also hid the bathers from the view of the public.

The boys used to build dirt-huts in the side of the hill, where they would roast potatoes and fry frogs' legs. It was a great place for lovers to gather and "spoon" on fine evenings, and the smaller boys would play baseball there in the daytime.

The hill was supposed to be the place where a tribe of Indians had buried their dead, and it was prophesied that when the hill was removed Indian skulls, bows, arrows, and other relics would be found, but so far as known nothing of the kind was discovered by the workmen who cleared away the mound. This fact created some astonishment. It was said at one time that the ghost of a tall and stately warrior had been stalking about the hill in full war paint, but it later developed that said warrior was nothing more or less than a discarded suit of underwear that some wag had placed on an upright pole and left to swing to and fro with the wind.

At the foot of the hill many a game of poker was played and much money won and lost.

Despite its memories, the improvement made by the removal of the hill is greatly relished by the people of this town, who hope soon to see further progress on the part of the railroad company in having a new passenger station built, and the double tracking of the road done between here and Montclair.

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Municipal Ownership.

Now that a majority vote has been secured in favor of municipal ownership of the water plant, the natural course of proceedings—if not interrupted by litigation or annexation schemes—will be to establish and put in operation a town water department.

Such an undertaking is a serious and important piece of work, and the success or non-success of municipal ownership of the water plant as a matter of public policy will depend upon the kind of a start that is made in embarking in the water business. It is a matter of regret that an approaching spring election may cause some changes in the membership of the Town Council that has persistently and strenuously advised the purchase of the plant. In a proper adjustment of things the men who advised the undertaking of municipal ownership ought to be the men that should have full opportunity to launch the new enterprise, and supervise it in its infancy. The outlook for such a happy conjunction and continuity of conditions is not encouraging. It so happens that the new members of the Council to be elected in the spring will constitute a majority of the Council, and a new administration comes into power.

If the new administration happens to be one in sympathy with the views of the present administration, no disturbance of the plans of the present Council as to how the water department ought to run may follow. But, if on the other hand, radical changes ensue both in the make up of the Council and the policy to be pursued, the plans of the municipalists not being in the hands of friends for fulfilment, may go sadly askew.

If no serious obstacles are raised the present Council, if it moves rapidly, can get the municipal water plant machinery started before spring election time, and it should stir itself to do so. The appointees to conduct the water department should be named, and salaries fixed and duties outlined. The city of East Orange affords a pattern to go by in those several lines. It is necessary in making appointments of water department officials that men be selected who are personally interested in making it a success in the matter of good service and economy.

Insurance Company Officials.

The Essex County Mutual Insurance Company elected these Directors for three years Monday afternoon: Dewitt C. Baldwin, Edward C. Dodd, Winfield S. De Hart, Thomas O. Stiles and Charles W. Martin.

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Although by no means ornate, the new bridge will be chaste of design and imposing in its proportions. It will be of steel construction and will consist of a single arch, with a seventy-foot span. Through this arch will run a forty-foot driveway, a fifteen-foot path, and a waterway fifteen feet in width. In total width the bridge will be about seventy feet, with a forty-foot roadway and two twelve-foot sidewalks. Under the plan which has been adopted the bridge may be built without alteration of the grade of Bloomfield avenue.

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